

Inspiring and Enabling Action for a Better World

The Young Social Entrepreneurs (YSE) programme seeks to inspire, equip and enable youths of different nationalities to embark on social enterprises in Singapore and beyond. The programme nurtures a network of social entrepreneurs from which the power of ideas, know-how and resources can be harnessed to enrich lives and effect positive change for a better world. Through the YSE programme, participants learn from and interact with leading social entrepreneurs, business professionals and other youths who are keen on social innovation, while expanding their networks for potential collaborations and partnerships for good.

Global Network of Social Entrepreneurs

Since its inception in 2010, the YSE programme has groomed a total of 656 alumni, spanning 27 nationalities to date, including participants from Algeria, Argentina, Australia, Azerbaijan, Bangladesh, Brazil, Britain, Brunei, Cambodia, Canada, China, India, Indonesia, Malaysia, Mexico, Myanmar, Nepal, New Zealand, the Philippines, Republic of Korea, Singapore, Sudan, Thailand, The Netherlands, United States of America, Vietnam and Yemen.

At the YSE 2017 workshop held in Singapore, 138 young social entrepreneurs from 18 countries & territories presented 63 projects. 16 teams comprising 37 youth from ten countries – Australia, Canada, India, Indonesia, Malaysia, Singapore, Taiwan, Thailand, the Philippines and the United States of America were selected to continue on an eight-month YSE journey. They will embark on a mentorship scheme led by McKinsey & Company, Temasek International, and experienced entrepreneurs as well as participate in a study visit to Mumbai, before returning to Singapore for *Pitching for Change* in November 2017, where the top six teams will receive up to S\$20,000 each in funding to launch or scale up their social enterprises.

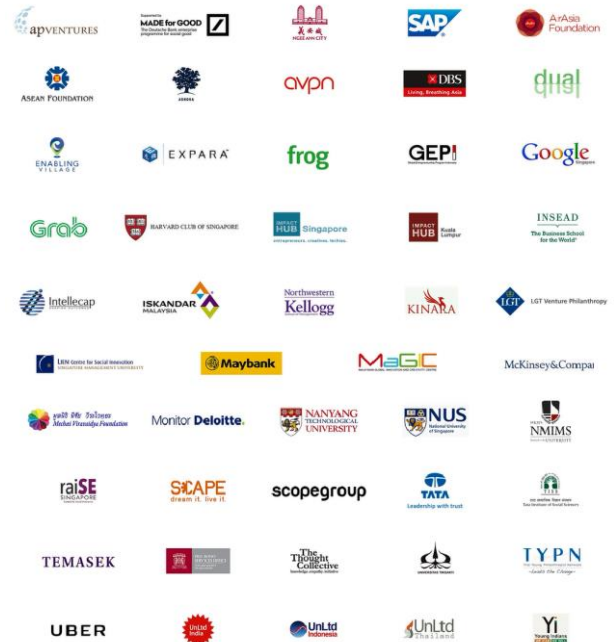
YSE Overseas Workshops

YSE Overseas Workshops support young changemakers in Asia with social entrepreneurial knowhow and networks in their home countries and beyond. These workshops, held outside of Singapore, bring local, Singaporean and regional professionals together to inspire, equip and enable youth who are starting their social enterprises to scale their businesses both locally and regionally. The winner of the overseas workshops will benefit from a customised mentorship scheme as well as participate in the YSE overseas study visit.

The inaugural three-day YSE Overseas Workshop was conducted in Jakarta in October 2016 with 32 young changemakers representing 14 social enterprises across Indonesia. The SIF will be holding overseas workshops in Jakarta, Kuala Lumpur, Mumbai and Shanghai annually by 2018.



YSE Partners and Supporting Organisations



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- SIF has inked memorandums of understanding (MOU) to advance the exchange of ideas and cooperation in social entrepreneurship and to foster a global community of changemakers for social innovation with leading players such as Ashoka and Population and Development International (PDI).
- Programme partners namely, Asia Philanthropic Ventures, SAP, Deutsche Bank, Ngee Ann Development Pte Ltd and SIF Advisor Mr Rajan Raju (*contributed in his private capacity*) have provided funding to outstanding youth to further their ideas for social enterprise.
- YSE is also supported by McKinsey & Company and Temasek International who lead the YSE mentorship scheme to advise the YSEs with their business strategy.
- YSE has partnered with various IHLs, organisations and groups such as Distinguished Universities Alumni Link (DUAL) network, Harvard Club of Singapore, INSEAD, National University of Singapore, Nanyang Technological University, Kellogg HKUST Chapter in Singapore, Singapore Management University to provide mentorship for our young changemakers.

YSE Alumni

YSE alumni have embarked on notable social impact projects:

- **Prukalpa Sankar, Varun Banka and Jahagirdar Kavya Narayan (YSE 2013)** from India founded **Social Cops**, an open web and mobile platform connecting different community stakeholders to identify and address the public issues in India. Social Cops was also featured for consecutive years on the Forbes 30 Under 30 List.
- **WateROAM**, a Singapore-Indonesia collaboration, was founded by **David Pong, Chong Tee Lim and Vincent Loka (YSE 2015)**, and it provides simple, portable and durable water filtration solutions to disaster-stricken sites in developing countries.
- Malaysians **Kay Kay Ong** and **Kai Li Yap** and Azerbaijani **Jasur Hasanov (YSE 2016)** founded **Bebonobo**, a free online network that connects individuals and businesses to list unwanted items and search for wanted items. It aims to promote conscious consumption that exemplifies a sharing economy by disrupting current consumption patterns.

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Thoughts on YSE from Partners and Alumni

"The SIF's Young Social Entrepreneurs programme is about getting the youth ready so that they would know how to take action and create change."

Ms Elim Chew
SIF Advisor and Entrepreneur

"It's heartening to see the programme develop to its current state since inception. The judges were impressed by the quality of the teams despite their youth and it speaks to the programme's ability to attract quality entries."

Mr Kevin Teo,
YSE Judge and Speaker,
Managing Director, Knowledge Centre,
Asian Venture Philanthropy Network

"The SIF mentorship was an immensely rewarding experience for me and I found it as such a great way to give back to society."

Mr Siddharth Pisharody
YSE-Temasek Lead Mentor

"The YSE workshop has enhanced my ability to take my SE to the next level. We now know what it takes to develop a stronger & more sustainable business model."

Mr David Pong,
YSE 2015 and Co-founder, WateROAM